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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Secretary Dortch:

The proposal that the FCC has drafted that would update 911 location accuracy standards for indoor cell phone calls is long overdue and desperately needed. There is no time to waste on an emergency call, and there is no time to waste in implementing this update. Cell phone companies have tried to delay the update, but the time to act is now and we respectfully request that you move forward in spite of their actions.

It is disturbing that these companies would put their misguided priorities above American lives. Their qualms about the update cannot be more important than those few extra minutes that often mean the difference between life and death.

My background is in public safety, and I can tell you that we do not choose this profession for financial gain. We care about what we do, and we care about the people we seek to help. Implement this proposal and give dispatchers and responders the tools they need to save lives.

Kind regards,

Patrick Devaney, President

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois

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